

**Catholic Community of South Baltimore
Mission Statement**

The Catholic Community of South Baltimore joins together three historic urban parishes to be a beacon of Christ's Light in our neighborhoods and beyond. Entrusted with this Light at Baptism, we go forth celebrating the Sacraments, proclaiming the Gospel, and serving the People of God.

Dear Parishioners,

On this Feast of the Magi we are reminded of the many gifts that God bestows upon us through the generosity of others. Looking back over the 2009 calendar year, so much generosity is seen from parishioners: the weekly offering and those who contribute electronically to keep us afloat for today; the commitment from so many to keep us viable in the future through the endowment. People's gift at Christmas helps meet those large expenses that hit us periodically like any household. People responded wonderfully to the Advent Giving Program to Julie Community Center and SOBER, nearly \$2000 was offered in direct monies and gift cards in addition to the toiletries collected.

When you begin to line up all the giftedness from the parishioners to parishes and beyond the parishes, God's grace is still so evident in our lives.

Thank you for your many kindnesses.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion
Pastor

Sacramental News & Preparation

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Christian Community, Connor Albert Powell, who was baptized at Our Lady of Good Counsel last weekend.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Preparations for those to receive their First Eucharist will be held on Sundays, beginning January 3, 2010 immediately following the 9 am Mass in Holy Cross Hall.

FIRST RECONCILIATION RESCHEDULED
Due to the inclement weather this past weekend, First Reconciliation which was scheduled for Dec 21 has been rescheduled for Monday, January 4, 2010.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 3, 2010**

Isaiah 60: 1-6 – Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6 - Matthew 2: 1-12

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

-- Isaiah 60:1

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, January 4

Quilters 5pm GCL
Religious Ed 6:15-7:30 pm
Celebration of 1st Reconciliation 6:15 CCS
Cub Scouts 6:30 pm GCS
Boy Scouts 7:00 pm GCS

Tuesday, January 5

Sunday Reading Reflection 9:00 am GCL
Girl Scouts 6:30-7:30 pm GCS
RCIA 7-8:30 pm 1419R

Wednesday, January 6

Playgroup 9-10:320 am HCH
Contemporary Music Rehearsal 7 pm GCR
NA Meeting 7:30 pm GCH

Thursday, January 7

Toddler Playgroup 8:30-10 am GCL

Friday, January 8

Belles Meeting 7 pm GCH

Saturday, January 9

City Blanketeers 10 am HCH
Mom's Time Out Family Pot Luck 4 pm
(call A Moran 410-539-4970)
Bus Assignment 5:30 pm - John Celeste

Sunday, January 10

Bus Assignment 9:00am – John Krull
CLOW 9 am HC / 11 am GC HCH
1st Eucharist Preparation 10am
Baptism Prep 12:30 pm HCH

HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR AWHILE AND NOT SURE YOU WANT TO RETURN? Consider: ReMEMBERing Church:

Were you touched by the wonder of Christmas and wondering what God and the church may have in store for you? Are you considering to reMEMBER into the church? Please come and share your experiences, concerns and questions with us. On Sunday January 3rd 2010, in the Good Counsel Library at 12:15 pm following the 11 am mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel to meet with Fr. Patrick Carrion and Dorris van Gaal.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Rosemary Campbell, John Campbell, Mary Maka, Mark Wodarksi, Michael Hunt, Gladys Shell, Marty Taylor, Tony Kirkland, Gary Murray, Denise Holland, Angela Zepp, Phil Klima, Henry Salvato, Dorothy Parks.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION -

	Offertory	Poor Box	Attendance
Christmas, 2009	\$20,774.96		983
December 26/27, 2009	\$10,421.03	\$ 323.91	369

Holy Cross, St. Mary's and Good Counsel envelopes are exchanged with the proper parish.

ST Mary Restoration Jug: Did you ever wonder for what the jug on the back table at St Mary is? The monies go to constant renovations of the Church. Through the past years, about half of the stained glass windows have been restored – re-leaded, broken glass restored, cleaned from years of smog. We look forward to further restorations. We thank you for your generosity. A few dollars here and there has amounted to ten of thousands of dollars through the years.

LITURGICAL LIFE

(Due to scheduling needs, some weekday masses may become a communion service; any scheduled intention will be rescheduled)

DAY	DATE	PARISH	TIME	MASS INTENTION	
Mon.	Jan. 4	St. Mary	8:00 am	Cecelia D. Parker	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tues.	Jan. 5	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Genora Carmosino	St. John Neumann
Wed.	Jan 6	St. Mary	8:00 am	Kim Korschak	Blessed Andre Bessette
		Good Counsel	7:00 pm	Ed Albright, Jr.	St. Raymond of Penafort
Thurs.	Jan. 7	Good Counsel	8:00 am	Gerard McCarron	
Fri.	Jan. 8	Holy Cross	9:00 am	Staff Sergeant. Andrew T. Lobosco	
		Good Counsel	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
Sat.	Jan. 9	Holy Cross	8:00 am	Liturgy of the Hours	
		St. Mary	5:30 pm	People of the Parish	Readings: Hymnal #902
Sun.	Jan. 10	Holy Cross	9:00 am	Francis L. & Kathleen M. Bory	1 st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
		Good Counsel	11:00 am	Stephen Kazmarek	2 nd Reading: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7
		Holy Cross	5:00 pm	Eva Hopwood	Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PRAY for VOCATIONS: There are over 30 seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Each week we name one man for whom we ask you to pray.

Steven Roth
St. Mary's Seminary
Pastoral Year

If you or anyone you know is interested in considering priesthood or consecrated life, please contact the Vocation Office.

vocations@archbalt.org.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD is next weekend. All those baptized in 2009 will be invited to stand (or held by their parents) as we continue to ask God's Blessing upon them. -

REVIEWING THE DAILY MASS SCHEDULE.

The staff has been discussing the timing of the 6 weekday masses: Monday – Friday @ 8 am and Wednesday @ 7 pm. Some parishioners have noted that the schedule does not allow many opportunities for those who work to attend daily mass. Only one mass a week reaches out to the working person. We are brainstorming and invite your thoughts, as well, as we consider the best times of the masses to accommodate more people's schedules. It is desired to keep the 6 masses among the 3 parishes but what time is best. Should another evening be considered in SM or HC, at 7 pm or as people come home from work @ 5:30 pm? Should there be some early morning masses for people to attend on their way to work @ 6:30 am or 7:00 am? Please contact the staff with your thoughts.

(GC) SOUP AND SANDWICH – Monday, January 11, 2010, from 12 – 2pm in Good Counsel's Hall. Music will be provided by Gary Baykowski. For tickets call Sophie Ellenberger, 410-685-8728. Donation \$5.00

GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION –STUDY THE BIBLE --- will begin on Thursday, January 21, 2010 and run six consecutive Thursday from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Holy Cross Hall. Mark your calendars! We will study Luke's Gospel. Grow in faith and meet other parishioners. For info, please contact Dorris Van Gaal (dorris.vangaal@archbalt.org) or Matt Bjonerud (Bjonerud@gmail.com) or Sherrie Timmes (STimmes@aol.com).

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